GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES BENEFITS BY U.S.A.
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America is contemplating to grant General System of Preferences benefits to Indian agro-chemicals and pharma products;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the expected time by which the benefits are likely to be accorded by the United States of America?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) to (c): The Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) of the United States of America (USA) is a unilateral scheme under which the notified goods when imported into USA from developing countries, including India, receive preferential tariff treatment. Exports of agro-chemicals and pharmaceutical products from India are presently not covered under the GSP Scheme of the United States. Review of the items which are covered under the scheme is done generally in June every year.